

COMPTROLLER.

WILLIAM JESSE SWAIN, of Clarksville, Red River county, was born in Estil county, Kentucky, in 1839; came to Texas from Mississippi in 1859; located at Clarksville, and was attending McKenzie College, at that place, when the war commenced; entered the Confederate army as a private in Whitfield's Cavalry Legion, in 1862, and served during the remainder of the war, and was promoted to the captaincy of his company; commenced the practice of law in 1872, at Clarksville; was a member of the House of the Fourteenth Legislature; elected to the Senate November 5, 1878, as a Democrat, by a majority of near 1500 votes over Hon. William P. McLean (Democrat), of Hopkins county. Mr. Swain served in the Senate during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Legislatures, and in all discussions took a prominent part. He was nominated by the Galveston Democratic Convention in July, 1892, as the candidate for Comptroller, on the second ballot, and elected in November following, receiving 172,555 votes, to 55,281 for A. Seimering, Republican: 18,471 for R. G. Kennedy, Greenbacker, and 346 scattering; being a majority of 98,457 over all.